

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2000

Present: Billis, Bayless, Bendall, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; George Hoddy; Dick Batchelor; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Gene & Shirley Sanderson; Julie McKay; Tom Cook; Jan Scott; Janeene Cenkush; Denise Bannan; Odyssey of the Mind Teams; Judy Horton; Larry Friess; Bob Morehouse; Roger Jeffries; Dick & Pat Sanderson; Don Runyon; Jamie Krzyminski & Mrs. Krzyminski; Larry LeCureux; Millie Taute; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Betty & Fred Bates; Stephanie Wuttke, The Independent; Robert Gilman; Don Butcher; John & Camay Morgan; Bill Kimble, Capital Consultants; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Billis at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Billis read and presented a proclamation to Jamie Krzyminski in recognition of her accomplishments.

Mayor Billis read and presented a proclamation to the Corunna High School Odyssey of the Mind Team in recognition of their accomplishments.

Mayor Billis read and presented a proclamation to the Nellie Reed Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team in recognition of their accomplishments.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Hornus moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. A) Consider Proclamation from Team 21 and Item No. B) Consider Mayor's Veto of Office Furniture.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Hornus moved, Bendall seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Friess stated there was a house fire on the corner of Comstock Street and State Street in February and he thought the ordinance states something has to be done with the property within ninety days. He asked if the fire marshal had released the house yet or if the city was going to have an eyesore there for quite awhile. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city has a policy with the insurance company on file and fifteen percent of the money is being held in escrow for clean up. It was her understanding the building inspector was to send a 30-day notice to the property owner to clean up the property but she has not seen it. Mr. Friess advised 30 days was a long time if nothing was being done. Councilperson Dumond stated insurance companies drag their feet and nothing can be touched until they finish writing their reports and make their decisions.

Dick Sanderson stated he noticed the catch basins near his house were plugged up and water was over the street after the last rain. He further stated Ms. Hitchcock knows about it because she came down his street. He also stated nothing is being done with people blowing grass into the street. Mayor Billis stated it was common knowledge that there are problems with the sewer system and with drainage. When there is a heavy rain, there will be back ups. He asked if people are putting grass into the streets. Mr. Sanderson advised yes. A lot of people mow their lawns and blow the grass into the street. Ms. Hitchcock advised the police department has stopped at several houses and she is keeping an eye on certain houses but she has not found a problem. Mayor Billis stated he believed notification pertaining to this issue was also put into the newspaper and the city's newsletter. Ms. Hitchcock advised if a situation is found, the property owner will be addressed once and a ticket will be written the next time it happens. Mayor Billis stated he has no doubt the issue is being handled.

Judy Horton stated while driving around town, she has noticed there are more people blowing the first row of grass in the street since the notice was put in the paper about not blowing grass into the streets. She further stated when Mr. Ockerman talked about the port-a-potty's at the ball field earlier she thought it would be more reasonable to use the bathrooms at Stu Coutts. She also stated it would be best to have one port-a-potty instead of two. Mayor Billis stated he did not have an answer if Ms. Horton wanted a cost comparison between rental costs and labor costs. He asked Ms. Horton what she would do if the costs were equal. Ms. Horton stated she would use the Stu Coutts bathrooms. Councilperson Ockerman stated he used to play ball and it got so bad that people were urinating in the outfield and there was no excuse for that. He further stated there is no need to duplicate costs just for someone's convenience.

Don Runyon stated there were political signs located between the sidewalk and the curb. There is also noise in the park. The noise is nice if you are going to enjoy it but if you live outside of the park and hear it, it is a noise. He further stated if a business puts a political

sign in their window to vote for Joe Blow and he does not like Joe Blow then he would not come to their business. Pat Sanderson stated that was Mr. Runyon's prerogative if he does not want to support someone's business.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MID-COUNTY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Denise Bannan, Richard Batchelor, George Hoddy, and Tom Cook, members of Team 21, gave a presentation regarding the establishment of a mid-County Planning Committee. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Caledonia Township, City of Corunna, City of Owosso, and Owosso Township are located adjacent to one another in the Mid-County area of Shiawassee County, Michigan, and share a common economy, environment, and social community; and

WHEREAS, a citizens group known as Team 21 has undertaken surveys, focus group sessions, and town meetings that have identified the need for a coordinated planning process and a single plan for the future of the mid-county area; and

WHEREAS, cooperative planning and intergovernmental coordination has become an essential prerequisite to successfully obtaining state, federal, and foundation grants; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional planning is more cost-effective than individual jurisdictional planning; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the mid-county area consists of a single labor and service market; and

WHEREAS, Act 281 of 1945, as amended (hereinafter called "the Act"), provides for the creation of a regional planning committee with the formal authority to undertake multi-jurisdictional planning; and

WHEREAS, Team 21, a non-profit organization with representation from the governments of Caledonia Township, City of Corunna, City of Owosso, Owosso Township and Shiawassee County, has drafted a proposal for the formation of a Mid-County Planning Committee and the board of Team 21 adopted that proposal by unanimous vote on January 20, 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Corunna, Michigan hereby agrees to the creation of a planning committee under Act 281 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1945, as amended, in order to carry out the purposes stated in the Act as listed below:

A regional planning committee may conduct all types of research and studies, and may collect and analyze data, prepare maps, charts and tables, and conduct all necessary studies for the accomplishment of its other duties:

1. May make and coordinate the development of plans for the physical, social and economic development of the region, and may adopt, by resolution of its governmental body, a plan or a portion of a plan so prepared or any objective consistent with a plan as its official recommendation for the development of the region;
2. May publicize and advertise its purposes, objectives, and findings, and may distribute reports on its purpose, objectives and findings;
3. Governmental units, or other public or private bodies, provide services to participating local governmental units, the state, and other public and private bodies and citizens in matters related to its functions, plans, and objectives, provided that those services are not available through the private sector at a competitive cost, and may charge the recipients of its services a reasonable fee for those services; and
4. May act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities of public and private bodies and citizens as they relate to its objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee's immediate goals are as follows:

1. Create a forum for communications among jurisdictions on issues affecting the quality of life in the mid-county area;
2. Complete a mid-county plan to guide growth and development;
3. Establish an on-going process to implement the plan and manage growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the components of the mid-county plan will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- * A Future Development Plan
- * A Plan for the Conservation of Valuable Natural Resources
- * A Capital Improvements Plan and Schedule
- * A Transportation Plan
- * A Redevelopment Plan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the Act, the plans and recommendations of the Committee are advisory to the participating local governmental jurisdictions and must be adopted by the affected local unit to become public policy.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER BIDS ON THE CORUNNA 2000 UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the bid from Perrin Construction for the Corunna 2000 Utility Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$1,047,854.66.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2000 STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Bendall

moved, Dumond seconded to accept the engineering services contract from Capital Consultants for the 2000 street improvements with fees not to exceed \$9,200.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MCNEIL ST. CROSSLLOT SEWER

ABANDONMENT: Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to accept the engineering services contract from Capital Consultants for the McNeil Street crosslot sewer abandonment in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SHIAWASSEE ST. BRIDGE INSPECTION:

Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to accept the engineering services contract from Capital Consultants for the Shiawassee Street bridge inspection in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER MAYOR'S VETO OF OFFICE FURNITURE: Mayor Billis advised council he vetoed the three resolutions pertaining to the office furniture purchase separately. He asked council if they wanted to make one motion or individual motions. Ms. Hitchcock advised council has two meetings to decide whether they want to attempt to override the mayor's veto. Councilperson Bendall asked if council had to act on the veto tonight. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. Councilperson Ockerman asked what would be gained if council delayed the vote on overriding the veto. Ms. Hitchcock advised it is not mandatory that there be any motions. Councilperson Dumond stated he did not know if he would vote for or against the veto because he did not know the reason for the veto. Ms. Hitchcock stated she wanted council to know what all of their options were so they are aware of what the charter states about a veto. Councilperson Bendall asked if the mayor has to state a reason for a veto. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. Councilperson Bendall asked Mayor Billis if he was going to state a reason. Mayor Billis advised no, it was a personal choice. Councilperson Bendall asked Mayor Billis if he felt council did anything improper or illegal. Mayor Billis advised if there was anything illegal he

assumed the city manager or city clerk would have advised council at that time. He further advised he believed the process started with an enhancement grant for the police department. Ms. Hitchcock advised the grant for the computers were strictly for the in-car modules and did not cover the records management. Mayor Billis stated a decision was made to work with the sheriff's department to upgrade the police department's fiber optics and things of that nature. Ms. Hitchcock advised that was correct. Mayor Billis asked if the police department would function without the fiber optic upgrades. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Mayor Billis asked if the police department would function without the lap top computers in the cars. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, they are operating without them now. Mayor Billis stated it was okay for him to establish that this was pretty much a convenience to make the police department more efficient. Ms. Hitchcock advised the equipment would make the police department more efficient. Mayor Billis stated the equipment was not necessary, but it was convenient to make the police department more efficient. Ms. Hitchcock advised the equipment would be helpful in solving crimes. Councilperson Bayless stated he participated in the demonstration of the equipment and he would not classify the equipment as a convenience. This is the 21st century. He further stated Mayor Billis made a very eloquent speech about training our kids so there will be hi-tech jobs in this community, which might make our kids stay and work here. Now, he is saying the city should not have a police force, which is an employer of kids from our schools. Mayor Billis stated that is not what he said or what he was going to say. Councilperson Bayless stated he wanted to make the point that he would not classify the equipment as a convenience. The police department might catch people that it would not normally catch. He further stated it would be a lot more than just efficient. It would be a leap forward because he has seen what the system can do first hand. Councilperson Runyan stated he did not think the city's police department could access records through the county's computers. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city could access the records but it could not print or copy them. Councilperson Bendall stated she was confused because the mayor has talked about the grant for the in-car computers and the fiber optic upgrades but those two items were not part of the three motions that were voted on at the last meeting. Mayor Billis stated he was trying to lead up to his objections. Mayor Billis stated his objection was not with the fiber optics or enhancing the city's ability to catch criminals because he was all for that. The project started with a wall being moved for \$600. He asked council if they would have voted differently if a plan was brought to council that indicated there would be construction of a wall and over \$10,000 for furniture. He further asked council if they would have made the vote they had made if they had been given a plan at the very beginning that had calculated all of the project costs. Councilperson Dumond stated the computers did not have anything to do with the building. Councilperson Ockerman stated he would never have voted for the \$600 if he knew what else was coming. Councilperson Bendall asked if last year's budget had money set aside for new furniture. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes, \$20,000 to \$25,000 was put into the municipal building department for facilities. The furniture proposals came back from the company as a state bid, and it would cost less than the city would ever receive on the open market. She further advised the proposal was presented to council as an option. The furniture will help organize and improve the work areas. She also advised the current offices were not built for computers except for the front office, which was done fifteen years ago. Mayor Billis stated it sounded like the money was allocated, in the budget not necessarily for furniture, but for facilities. He further stated he is aware of the practice if money is in the budget then spend it, otherwise, the

budget for the next year will decrease. He also stated if money is budgeted under facilities and not used for facilities then is it necessary to spend it. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. It is up to council to decide to spend the money on each project as they see fit. Councilperson Dumond stated he voted for the furniture purchase because he felt there was a need this year and money was budgeted to cover the purchase.

Councilperson Ockerman stated it was not fair to amend the budget to do it. Mayor Billis stated it was a matter of priorities and asked if this was a priority. Councilperson Bendall advised yes, she believed it was. Mayor Billis suggested taking something else out of the budget rather than amending the budget and finding something that is considered less of a priority and take it out of the budget if this is what council wants to do. Councilperson Bendall asked why the furniture purchase was removed from the agenda in June when council could have voted on it during last year's budget. Mayor Billis stated Ms.

Hitchcock removed it the first time it was on the agenda along with two other items because there was a full house then. He further stated he would have to think about the second time. Councilperson Bendall stated part of her reason for voting for the furniture purchase was because it was an agenda item that was removed in June that council could have addressed during last year's budget without having to amend the budget, which was necessary to cover the lack of council action. Councilperson Dumond agreed. Mayor Billis stated Ms. Hitchcock removed the issue from the agenda the first time and council removed the issue from the agenda the second time because Ms. Hitchcock was not present at the meeting. Councilperson Bendall advised the acting city manager was present. She further advised if Mayor Billis thinks money is being spent frivolously she does not think he is taking into account that there is a need for the furniture. Mayor Billis stated at this point he had to agree with Councilperson Bendall that there is a need for the furniture because rooms have been constructed. He further stated part of his rejection to the process was a lack of planning. There was a lack of a consistent solid plan that showed how much would be spent from the time the project was started until it ended. He also stated it was incorrect to say money was budgeted for furniture. The furniture was not budgeted but there was money budgeted for building facilities. Council now has the veto and the question is if council is going to vote to override the veto.

Councilperson Bendall stated the mayor has stated that because he feels there was a lack of planning he was going to veto to finish the project and to veto the issue at this point could be considered punitive. Mayor Billis stated someone has to say this project has to come to an end and that is what he was doing. He further stated if council wants to go back into the budget and remove something to utilize the money to pay for the furniture that is needed in this then he would not veto it at that point. Ms. Hitchcock stated she was not sure all of the council members were up to date on the section of the charter that deals with a mayor's veto. She read under the functional duties of the mayor, "the charter states the mayor shall be the executive head of the city. He shall have no vote in the proceedings of the council except to break a tie. He shall have veto power and shall be the presiding officer of the council. The mayor shall have the power to veto any ordinance or resolution adopted by the council by writing there the word veto then signing and dating his name at anytime before the beginning of the next regular meeting of the city council. Any ordinance or resolution not so marked by the time of the next regular city council meeting is called to order shall stand approved". Ms. Hitchcock stated that is exactly what he did by signing the three motions. She further read "in the event of a veto of any ordinance or resolution, the mayor shall during the next regular council meeting inform council of such veto and may, at such time, state his reasons and

grounds for such a veto. Any member of the council then at such meeting or any of the next two succeeding meetings may make a motion to override the mayor's veto, which motion must have at least an affirmative vote of one less than the total number of councilmen then holding office to prevail. If the motion prevails, the ordinance or resolution shall stand as originally adopted. If not, the ordinance or resolution shall be null and void". Councilperson Dumond stated after listening to what Ms. Hitchcock read, he found no wording in the charter stating the mayor cannot have input during a meeting even though he does not have a vote. He further stated he would have thought the mayor would have expressed his feelings about this issue during the discussion at the last meeting instead of just waiting two weeks later to drop a bomb. Mayor Billis stated he does not think it was a bomb. He tries to give things a lot of thorough thought if he sees a problem. He further stated the council, in his estimation, has the ability to sit here and discuss the things they want to discuss. He can involve himself in the discussions, which he has done. He also stated if council is going in a direction that he has no objections with then he is not going to involve himself in the discussion. If the council is going in a direction that he has many objections to then he still is not going to involve himself in the discussion in order to let the council see where they are going to end up. Mayor Billis explained he was giving council all of the latitude that he can give them so they can end up with their final decision. Once council makes its final decision and he listens to what council has said, he then needs to examine himself and explore it. He also listens to the people out there, which is absolutely crucial to him because he does represent the people out there like we all do. When council makes a decision, he hears a lot of discussion from the people that is not of a positive nature, and he has to reevaluate the issue. Councilperson Bendall asked Mayor Billis what time he made the veto. Mayor Billis advised just before the meeting. Councilperson Bendall stated she was personally not ready to take action on overriding the vetoes. Councilperson Runyan stated council started out with a \$600 addition with a possibility of replacing the rug for the police department for the new computers. Then the price went to \$1,200, which he agreed with and now it ends up costing \$38,000 when it started with the police department. He further stated he thought the mayor was right. If you are going to start planning first you start and you end. You do not start and add to it because it will never come to an end. Councilperson Ockerman stated he believed the first motion for furniture was \$18,000. Ms. Hitchcock advised \$19,100. Councilperson Ockerman stated then the budget was amended by \$28,000. Ms. Hitchcock advised that was correct. Councilperson Ockerman stated the city is looking at over \$47,000. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. The cost for area one is \$19,128.57 and area two is not to exceed \$18,000. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the total was \$37,000. Ms. Hitchcock advised that was correct. Councilperson Ockerman stated he concurred with Councilperson Runyan. Councilperson Ockerman further stated he has no problem with a plan, but he would like to know the whole plan when he votes on it and it did not start out that way. He also stated it seems like one thing leads to another and it seems like there will be no end. Councilperson Ockerman advised he would have liked to know the total cost at the beginning. He further advised he would not have voted for the \$600. He also advised it was unfair to council to make decisions that are half-hearted and without all of the information. Councilperson Runyan stated it was hard for him to have someone come up to him and look him in the face and be told a lot of streets could be repaired for the \$38,000 that was being spent on furniture. Bayless moved, Dumond seconded to table

the mayor's veto of office furniture until a future meeting because of the late hour and since council has to think about the issue and discuss it at a later date.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Mayor Billis stated he wanted to add one more thing. Councilperson Bayless stated he believed Mayor Billis was out of order since the issue had been tabled and council needs to move on with the agenda.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO HOLD TENT REVIVAL AT MCCURDY PARK: Hornus moved,

Dumond seconded to accept the proposal for a tent revival in McCurdy Park.

Councilperson Dumond suggested getting a blank check. John Hoskins stated to the best of his knowledge everything the city council asked him to do last year was done. He further stated he would be willing to give the city a blank check and would do anything the city council wants him to do. Councilperson Dumond stated he was under the impression there was some difficulty in receiving payment for last year's bill. Mr. Hoskins stated that could have happened. Councilperson Dumond suggested to Mr. Hoskins that he look into the situation. Mr. Hoskins stated he would be organizing and paying for the revival himself. Councilperson Dumond stated there was a problem last year but if Mr. Hoskins wanted to take the bull by the horns and see that the fee is taken care of then he did not have a problem. Councilperson Ockerman asked Ms. Hitchcock if the fee last year was \$100. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman asked if Mr. Hoskins was obligated in any other way such as clean up. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, they cleaned up after themselves last year. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the only problem the city had was with the phone number that was given and the payment of the money. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman stated trustworthiness and faithfulness were wonderful words, but a person has to act on them. He further stated if it took that long to collect the money then it bothered him. It should not have taken months; it should have been Mr. Hoskins' obligation to see that the bill was paid. Mr. Hoskins agreed and stated he would like the revival to be an annual event as long as it is successful. Councilperson Ockerman suggested that council set a \$200 advance fee and refund anything that might be due Mr. Hoskins after expenses are paid.

Councilperson Ockerman asked to have the fee included in the motion. Councilperson Dumond suggested voting on the original motion first.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to amend the original motion to accept the proposal for a tent revival in McCurdy Park with an advance fee of \$200. Ms. Hitchcock asked Mr. Hoskins if there was a certain church he was affiliated with. Mr. Hoskins advised yes.

He started a new church on 10-10-99 and his church is renting one-half of the Owosso Baptist Church located on N. M-52.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER CHANGES TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BY-LAWS:

Dumond moved, Runyan seconded to approve changing Article VI Board of Directors, Section 6.0 Qualifications of the Downtown Development Authority By-laws to read "A member of the Authority shall have one of the following qualifications: 1) resident of Municipality, 2) registered voter in the Municipality, 3) have an interest in property in the DDA District, or 4) be a property owner within the Municipality. With the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, a member of the Authority may not simultaneously serve as an elected member of the municipality wherein the district is located. A majority of the Board shall qualify under Item 3 above as having an interest in property in the DDA District" and changing Article VIII Meetings, Section 8.0 Meetings of the Downtown Development Authority By-laws to read "The meetings of the board of directors shall be public, and public notice of such meetings shall be given in accordance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended. The meetings shall be scheduled by the chairman of the board of directors at a time and place so specified".

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEERS: Dumond moved, Ockerman seconded to approve both work permits from Telecommunication Engineers.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ADDITION OF TWO (2) STREET LIGHTS ON S. SHIAWASSEE STREET:

Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to authorize Consumers Energy to install two (2) streetlights on S. Shiawassee Street at the cost of \$200.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER \$75,000 ANNUAL AGGREGATE SUBLIMIT: Dumond moved, Hornus seconded to approve the Annual Aggregate Sublimit in the amount of \$773.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER FERRY ST. PUMP REPAIRS: Councilperson Ockerman asked Tim Crawford if he

was recommending one company over another. Mr. Crawford advised the city has done business with Kennedy Industries. Hydro Dynamics is a new company to the city. He further advised after speaking with Hydro Dynamics, he found out they order their parts through Kennedy Industries. Councilperson Dumond asked what the total amount from each company was. Councilperson Bayless advised the quote from Kennedy Industries totaled \$5,719.54 and the quote from Hydro Dynamics was \$5,626.63. Mr. Crawford advised \$277 for the impeller nut could be removed from the quote. Ms. Hitchcock advised that would bring the quote down to \$5,349.63. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Crawford if he spoke with anyone who has used Hydro Dynamics. Mr. Crawford advised no. Councilperson Ockerman asked how quickly the parts were needed. Mr. Crawford advised yesterday. The impeller on the pump spun off and no one caught it and it wore down the impeller. He further advised when he tried to put it back together it was sloppy. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Crawford how comfortable he was with council taking the lower bid with somebody the city has not dealt with before. Mr. Crawford advised he was pretty comfortable after he found out they order parts from Kennedy Industries. Ms. Hitchcock stated she spoke to Rick Holzheuer last week when Mr. Crawford was on vacation and was informed that it might be advisable to have another impeller on hand in case the impeller on the other pump goes out. She further stated she was recommending the city purchase another impeller. Mr. Crawford advised \$10,000 was budgeted for impellers. Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to purchase repair parts from Hydro Dynamics in the amount of \$8,449.63

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Bendall, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER VACTOR TRUCK MAINTENANCE & EQUIPMENT: Mr. Crawford advised the main problem with the vactor truck is with the air transition. There is a hole in it and it is rusted right through. He further advised the repair work needed was something the department of public works could not do and Jack Doheny can do it for \$3,500. He also advised the fan would be checked and if it needs to be replaced, it would cost \$2,500. Councilperson Dumond stated Ms. Hitchcock has also recommended purchasing a penetrating nozzle for opening blocked sewers and a grenade nozzle for cleaning the line. Ms. Hitchcock asked Mr. Crawford if the vactor truck repairs are contingent with the other. Mr. Crawford advised no. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the vactor truck maintenance was budgeted. Ms. Hitchcock advised there is money in the wastewater sewer fund contractual services. Councilperson Dumond stated the vactor truck is one of the things that is very essential to the city for taking care of some of the sewer problems and council needs to do whatever is necessary to keep the truck working. Ockerman moved, Hornus seconded to have Jack Doheny Supplies do the vactor truck repairs in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Runyan moved, Hornus seconded to purchase a penetrating nozzle and a grenade nozzle in an amount not to exceed \$774.00.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Bendall, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Larry Friess asked if his home would be connected to the new sanitary sewer line that will be replaced with the King/Kingsley/McArthur Street project. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes. Mr. Friess asked if McArthur Street, in front of the school, would be replaced as a local street. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, it is a major street. Mr. Friess asked when it became a major street. Ms. Hitchcock advised in approximately 1992. Mr. Friess stated he wished McDonnell Street were a major street because there are trucks that drive on it. He further stated a local street will get curb and gutter but his street did not get them. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Friess he received a curb and gutter in front of his house. Mr. Friess asked if McArthur Street in front of the sheriff's department was a major street. Ms. Hitchcock advised no. Mr. Friess stated a sign should be placed at the end of the street to keep the trucks off the street. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would have to double-check the situation. Mr. Friess stated he believed that portion of McArthur Street was a major street because of the traffic that goes down it. Councilperson Runyan stated he believed McArthur Street was a secondary street. Mr. Friess stated the city receives Act 51 monies on the street. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city receives Act 51 monies on all of the streets, but not as much on a local street.

Judy Horton asked what would be done to keep water off of the sidewalk in front of the school on McArthur Street. Ms. Hitchcock advised curb and gutter would be installed and the elevation would be changed on McArthur Street.

Roger Jeffries asked if McArthur Street between Shiawassee Street and Norton Street was a major street. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, it was a local street.

Pat Sanderson asked why the city cannot come by with a truck and pick up the leaves and branches that are sitting on the side of the street without being charged \$15.00 to pick them up. She further asked how many pieces of furniture were going to be purchased for city hall. Ms. Sanderson stated she would like to see a street improvement for Pine Street and Cherry Street. Ms. Hitchcock stated the policy for brush pick has been \$15.00 for anything that is not picked up during the spring or fall. The city picks up brush and leaves in the spring and in the fall for free. She further stated the drop off center on Pine Street is open the first Saturday of every month. She also stated it would be a council policy to pick up the extra costs for picking up the brush. Ms. Hitchcock advised not to put out brush and leaves because a ticket could be written. Mr. Friess stated the policy was set when he was on the council. It seemed like the department of public works was picking up brush every day so the council made a policy that brush and leaves would be picked up twice a year. He further stated if someone put out their brush again, the city charged the person because the department of public works has more to do than picking up brush everyday. Ms. Hitchcock advised Pine Street and Cherry Street was included on the street prioritization list and offered to give Ms. Sanderson a copy of the street prioritization list. Councilperson Runyan advised Pine Street was number nine on the list. Ms. Sanderson asked when Pine Street would be done. Councilperson Runyan advised it should be done within the next two or three years. Councilperson Runyan

advised Cherry Street was number twelve on the street prioritization list. Ms. Sanderson advised in two or three years the street would be worse than what it is now. Ms. Hitchcock advised Ms. Sanderson there is a plan that shows what furniture would be designated in each area and the furniture addressed six different offices. Ms. Sanderson asked how much furniture was going to be purchased. Ms. Hitchcock advised Ms. Sanderson she would gladly give her a list of the furniture if Ms. Sanderson wanted to stop by the office.

ADJOURN: Dumond moved to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 10:38 p.m.

DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK